

## BOARD OF HEALTH

## COMPOSITION OF OPIUM PILLS.

## A New Japanese Doctor Licensed.

Vaccine Farm Ordered Established—  
Two Weeks' Routine Mail—  
near Disposed Of.

The board of health met Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after missing one regular meeting. There were present W. O. Smith (president), John E. J. T. Waterhouse, Jr., Dr. Andrews, J. O. Carter, Dr. Day, and Agent C. B. Reynolds.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

President Smith stated that, in order to attend to a larger number of matters of business and detail, he would call the order of business from the bottom.

A letter was read from J. Haole, asking that certain water-pipes be laid at the settlement. The secretary was ordered to instruct him that the matter was already in the hands of Superintendent Meyers.

Agent Reynolds submitted the following report relating to the case of the board of health against Joseph Tinker, a butcher:

HONOLULU, May 31, 1893.

To the Hon. the President and Members of the Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN—I beg to submit the following report showing the difficulties the agents of the board have to contend with in trying to abate public nuisances by bringing the same to the police court.

May 3th, Jos. Tinker, butcher, was caught in the act of slaughtering two calves on his premises on Nuuanu street. As he had been caught and cautioned several times before, I swore out a warrant for his arrest. The case was to be tried May 3th. May 9th, defendant and his counsel not ready, postponed till the 10th; May 10th, postponed till 13th; May 13th, defendant and judge slightly indisposed, postponed till 15th; May 15th, counsel engaged elsewhere, postponed till 20th; May 20th, counsel engaged elsewhere, postponed till 23d; May 23d, counsel engaged elsewhere, postponed till 25th; May 25th, counsel engaged elsewhere, postponed till 28th; May 28th, counsel engaged elsewhere, postponed till 30th; May 30th, commenced and continued to 31st; May 31st, defendant found guilty and fined \$1 and costs \$1.50.

The above is a fair specimen of all the cases I have brought before the court the past three years.

C. B. REYNOLDS,  
Executive Officer Board of Health.

The report was accepted and placed on file, several members commenting on the law's delays in emphatic terms.

A letter from Joseph Terros, a leper boy, was read, in which he claimed he got no medicine at the settlement. Referred to Mr. Meyers.

The report of the examining committee of physicians on lepers was handed in. It contained the names of pronounced lepers examined at the Kalini receiving station by the board of examiners on May 23d. The report included 23 confirmed lepers, 4 suspects and 1 not a leper. Of the 23 lepers the oldest was a woman of 70 years of age and the youngest a boy of 6 years. On motion of J. O. Carter, the report took its usual course.

In answer to a question by President Smith, Agent C. B. Reynolds said there were nine lepers expected from Kona, Hawaii, shortly, and he believed there were some 14 others yet to be brought in from other islands. This number would include nearly all now at large.

A letter was received from Dr. Alvarez containing a list of suspected lepers. Ordered filed.

George H. Williams reported that a leper had properly been refused passage on the regular steamer from Hawaii, and would be sent down on the proper boat.

An application was read from Dr. Sanya Asano, of Japan, endorsed by Consul-General Fujii, asking for permission to practice medicine in Hawaii. The matter, together with the doctor's diplomas from the Cooper Medical College of San Francisco, was referred to a committee, which reported later, and on motion, the application was granted.

A letter was read from Dr. Campbell, of Waimea, Kauai, relating to the proposed establishment of a hospital at that place, at a cost of \$2000. After considerable discussion, investigation showed that the board had no available appropriation to draw aid from for the new hospital.

The secretary was instructed to inform the projectors of the enterprise of the board's endorsement and concurrence, stating that the president would likely recommend favorably thereon in his report to the legislature.

A report was read from the board's agent at Waialae, Maui, recommending that the Catholic hospital at that place be allowed to tap the main water pipe with one tap one-half inch in size, but the right to withdraw the privilege was reserved. Approved.

A letter from Mr. Stoltz, the

board's agent at Kani, recommended that a quarantine be placed over the valley of Kalawao, which now contains twenty-three households, embracing over 100 persons including twenty-eight lepers. Consideration of the matter was referred to the president to confer further with Mr. Stoltz.

Several letters from Dr. Mauritz, commenting on the examination of schools for lepers were read, one of which recited an instance where he had been opposed in the performance of his duty by one of the government school teachers.

President Smith stated he had received a letter from Dr. Williams, stating that he had experienced some trouble in getting the school children to attend upon examination days for leper suspects.

President Smith brought up the question of opium pills imported by Chinese, laid over from last meeting, and read the following report from Dr. A. B. Lyons, government chemist:

Result of examination of Pills received from the board of health, May 13, 1893.

No. 1. Marked H. H. & Co., City of Peking, Aug. 30, 1891. The original package, a pasteboard box, contains four bottles. One of these contained 351 pills, coated with vermillion, average weight 0.0622 gram (about 5-6 grains), ranging from 0.030 to 0.082 gram, coating included. One hundred of the pills yielded only 0.012 of crude morphine, which, however, was very impure. I believe the pills to contain each about the equivalent of one-eighth of a grain of opium, although the above assay, based on the morphine content, would indicate much less even than that; a larger proportion is certainly not present.

No. 2. Marked W. F., No. 8, ex Mariposa, 1000 bottles.

No. 3. Marked Y. L., No. 17, ex Pekin, 50 bottles.

No. 4. Marked K. L. Y., No. 61, 200 bottles, ex Velocity, Oct. 1891.

The labels, wrappers and appearance of these three seem identical. In each five bottles are wrapped together in soft Chinese paper. The pills in two bottles were counted, numbering respectively 112 and 113. The pills are black, uncoated, range of weight 0.047 to 0.143, average 0.082 gram, (one bottle). One hundred of these pills (No. 1), yielded of impure morphine 0.032 gram.

I believe the pills to contain each the equivalent of about one-fourth of a grain of opium.

Separate assays of pills of lots 3 and 4 are in progress, but the assay operations are slow, and results are not likely to be materially different from those already reached. If it prove otherwise, I will report accordingly.

A. B. LYONS,  
Government Analyst.

After full discussion it was decided that the collector-general be instructed to deliver the pills, but in case of similar importations the pills must always be submitted to analysis by the collector, and he was so advised, the importer to pay all expense.

A request from J. W. Kalawai to be allowed to be a pastor at the leper settlement was refused, as the board did not in any way wish to interfere, such a choice resting entirely with the people of the settlement.

Letters were read from Agent David Dayton reporting progress in preparing for and beginning the Dr. Goto treatment at the settlement.

Several letters were read from Superintendent Meyers in answer to certain unfounded complaints sent to the board from the settlement. It was ordered that the secretary answer such frivolous complaints through Mr. Meyers.

The question of the vaccine farm was brought up by the president. Dr. Day said the trustees of the Queen's hospital were perfectly willing for the farm to be established there. He had seen Mrs. Kluegel and had found that her place in Nuuanu valley was especially adapted for the purpose. Her boys had agreed to attend to the calves for \$2 a week.

After some discussion it was ordered that the vaccine farm be proceeded with at once, and that the arrangements be placed in the hands of the executive officer and physicians of the board.

Dr. Day stated virus would arrive by the Alameda during the afternoon.

Several matters went over and the board adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

## JAPANESE TREATMENT.

The Hospital at the Leper Settlement Now in Working Order.

Reports received by the board of health from Inspector of Leprosy, David Dayton, state that the hospital is now being occupied for the treatment of lepers under Dr. Goto's method. On May 25th seventeen patients entered, and others were added during the week.

At the Bishop home it has been found necessary to lengthen the bath house in order to give the female patients more room. There are now forty girls being treated at the home. It has also been found necessary to provide a heater for the baths at the home. A heater is also suggested for the boys home.

The entire hospital buildings have been renovated and white-washed inside and out, and with a few more improvements suggested by Dr. Goto the place will be ready to put the Japanese treatment of leprosy to a thorough test.

P. R. Isenberg, Waialae ranch, has a few mastiff pups for sale.

## WAS IT A PLOT?

## THREE BOMBS FOUND ON THE EX-QUEEN'S PREMISES.

Believed the Barracks Was the Objective Point.

(From Daily, June 1.)

The police secured some very damaging evidence last evening against the royalists or their sympathizers. It is in the form of three bombs, each about nine inches long and one inch in diameter. They are filled with an explosive of some kind, supposed to be fulminate of mercury, the strongest kind of an explosive known. The three bombs, with a small vial of the substance, was found on the premises of the ex-queen, in the rear of Washington Place.

The story of the discovery of the bombs is as follows: Last night about eleven o'clock, Captain Klemme of the mounted patrol, while talking to the guard on Beretania street, saw three natives standing in the shade in Kibbin's lane. They were in conversation. A few moments later a hack drove down the lane towards Beretania street. It stopped, and two of the men got in it, while the third man walked up the lane in a hurried manner. He appeared to have something underneath his coat. This aroused the officer's suspicions, so he started after the man, who had commenced to run. The fugitive paid no attention to the officer's cry of "halt," so Klemme fired a shot in the air to frighten the man. The shot did not have the desired effect, and the man escaped through some bushes. In the meantime Captain Harry Juen arrived on the spot, and a systematic search was made for the man, but he could not be found. While the officers were searching for the man they found a bag rolled up and deposited near a shed on the premises above stated. They unrolled the bag and found the bombs which were taken to the station house.

The only inference to be drawn from the incident is that an attempt was to be made last night to blow up the barracks.

After the bombs were conveyed to the station house Juen had a startling and painful experience. In examining the vial, which was full of the explosive, some of it remained on his fingers. A few moments later he lit a cigar and in some way the hot ashes came in contact with his fingers, and in a fraction of a second there was a loud report and his hand was thrown back violently. Outside of a swelling and a feeling of numbness his hand was uninjured.

## Postponement of an Opera.

For some weeks preparations have been going on for a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's tuneful opera, "The Gondoliers." Everything was going along nicely and the first rehearsal was held on last Saturday evening. The projectors now find that the production will have to be indefinitely postponed owing to the unexpected departure of the Hyacinth. Three officers on board were to take prominent parts.



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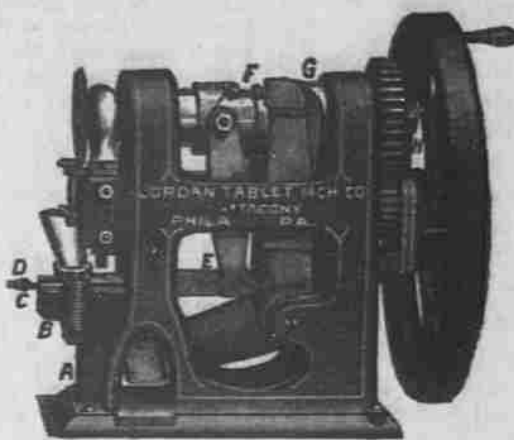
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